

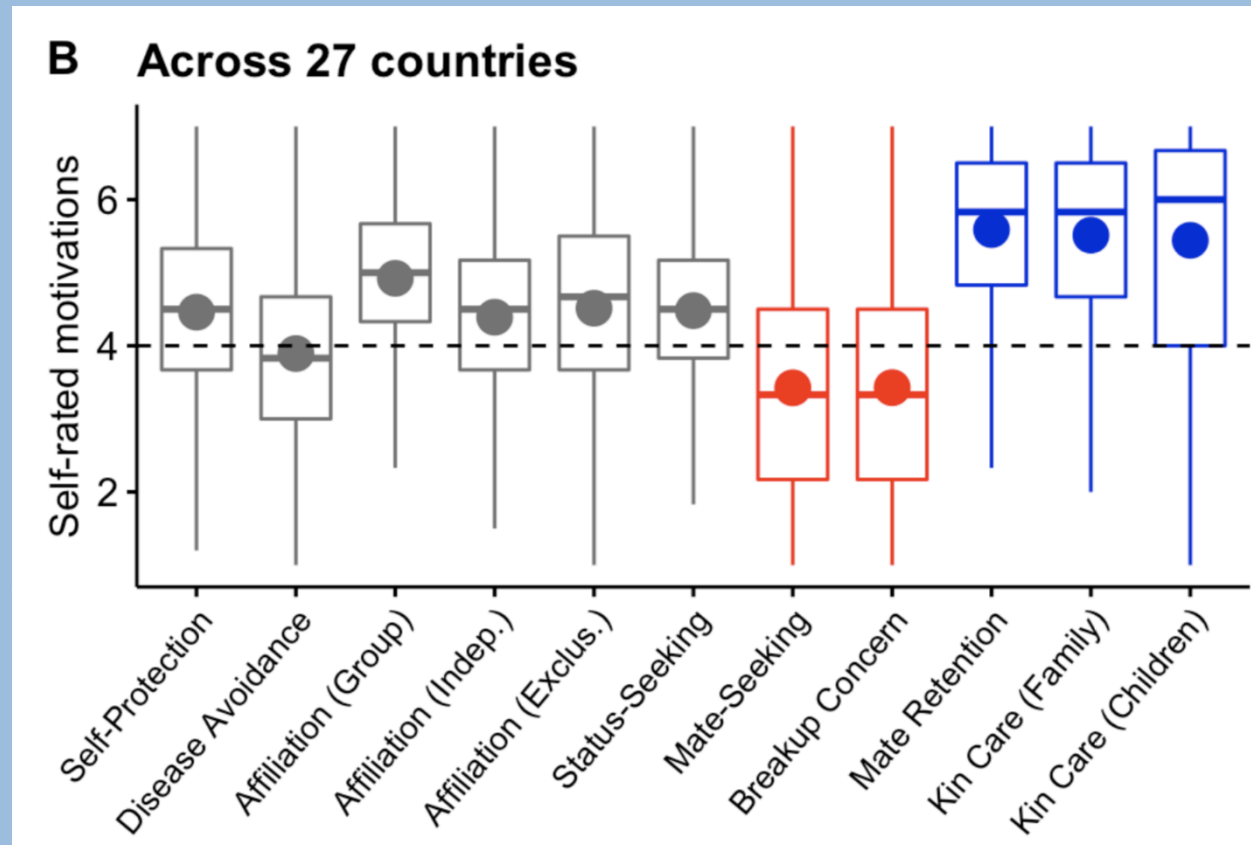
# Family Models as a Mirror of Cultural Values

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# Family Matters (Ko et al., in press *PPS*)



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# Ideal-Typical Family Models

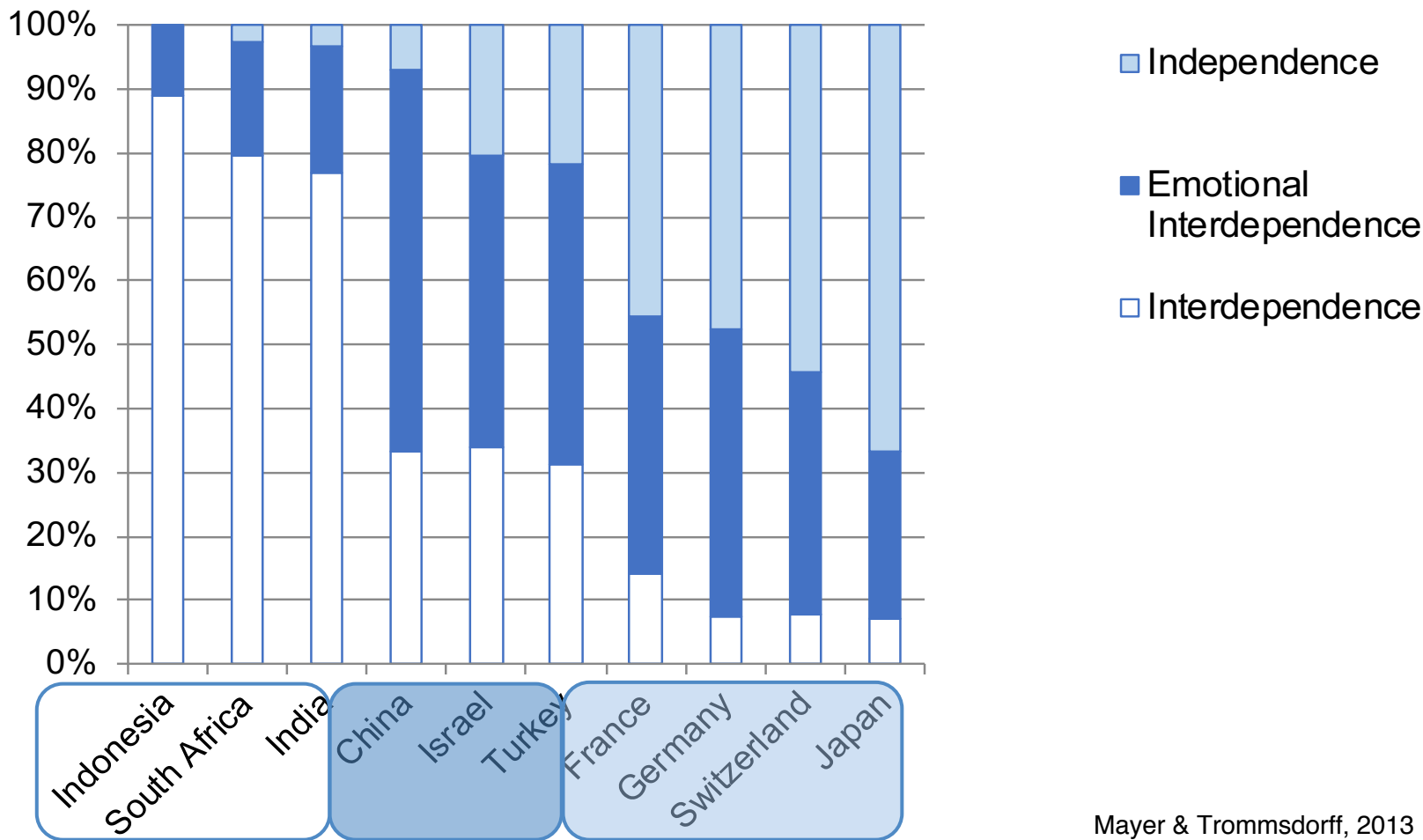
- > Family Model of Independence
  - Emotional and material **independence**
  - industrialized Western cultures, individualistic
- > Family Model of (Total) Interdependence
  - Emotional and material **interdependence**
  - traditional agrarian cultures, collectivistic
- > Family Model of Emotional Interdependence
  - Continuing **emotional interdependence**
  - Declining **material interdependence**
  - Rising **autonomy**
  - modernizing cultures with collectivistic background

Autonomy &  
Separateness

Heteronomy &  
Relatedness

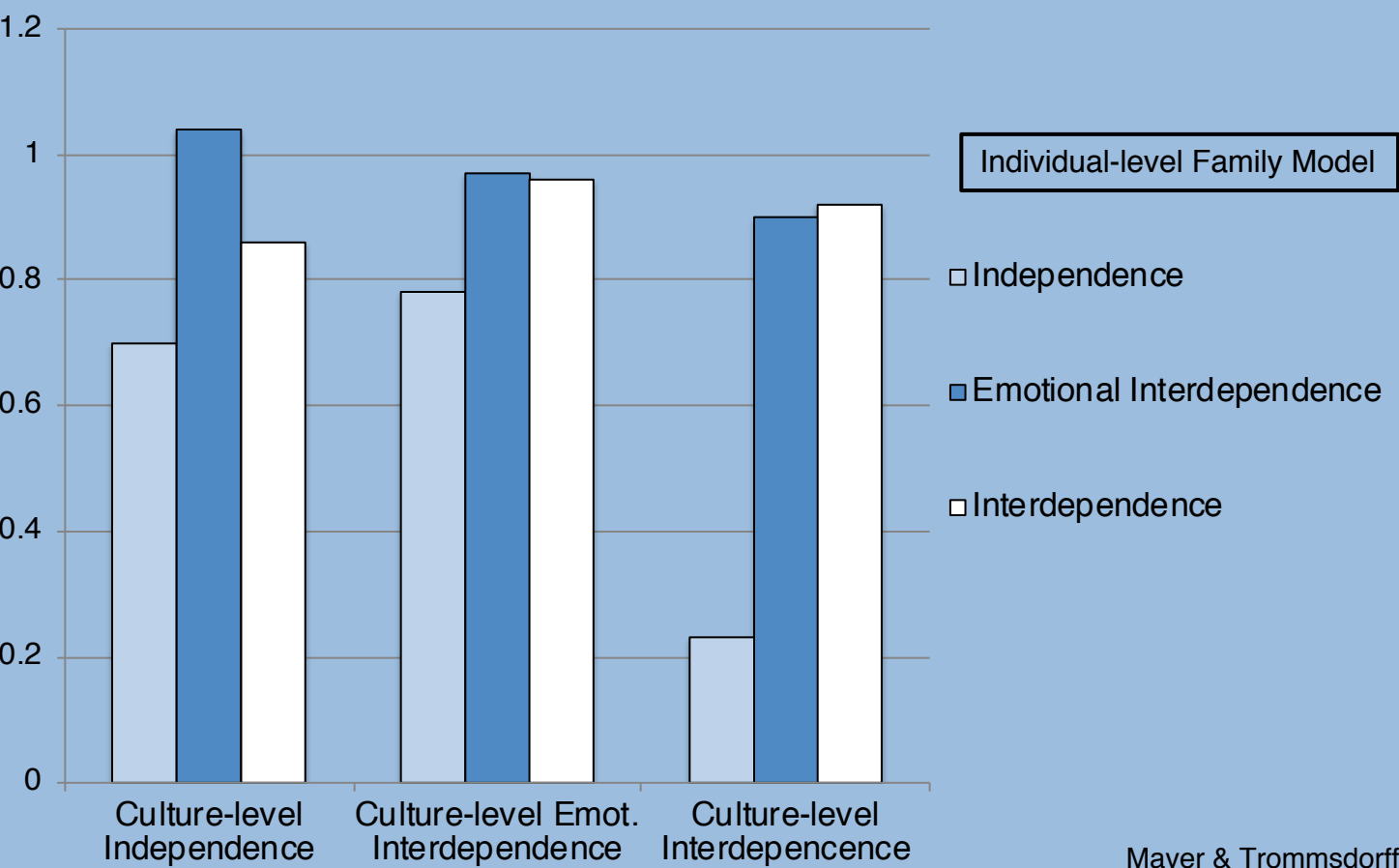
Autonomy &  
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# Cross-Cultural Distribution of Family Models



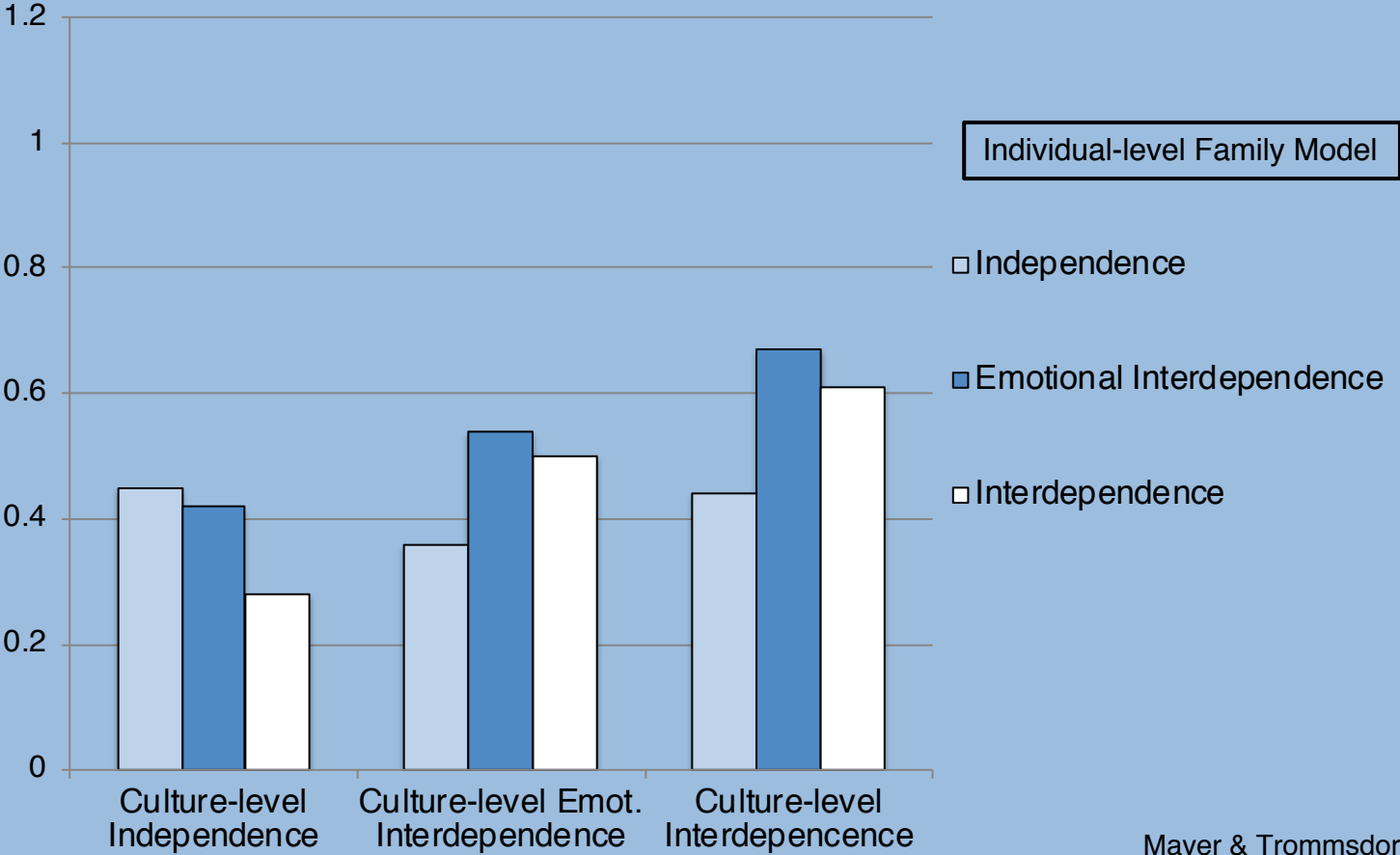
Mayer & Trommsdorff, 2013

# Satisfaction with Family



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# Optimism



Mayer & Trommsdorff, 2013

# Culture-level Correlations of VOC-Study Measures and Macro Value Indicators

VOC-Study	Utilitarian VOC		Individualism		Trad. Family Values	
Macro-level	Daughters	Mothers	Daughters	Mothers	Daughters	Mothers
Human Development Index	-.81	-.83			-.67	-.54
PDI (Hofstede)					.83	.80
IND (Hofstede)			.72	.62	-.70	-.73
Traditional/Secular-rational	-.63	-.62				
Survival/Self-expression			.73	(.57)	-.83	-.73

VOC-Study	Intimacy		Conflict	
Macro-level	Daughters	Mothers	Daughters	Mothers
HDI			.81	(.47)
PDI (Hofstede)			-.58	
IND (Hofstede)			.80	(.52)
Traditional/Secular-rational				
Survival/Self-expression			.78	

N = 11

*Note.* Spearman’s Rho. Only significant correlations (in parentheses:  $p < .10$ ).

Mayer, Schwarz, & Trommsdorff, 2012



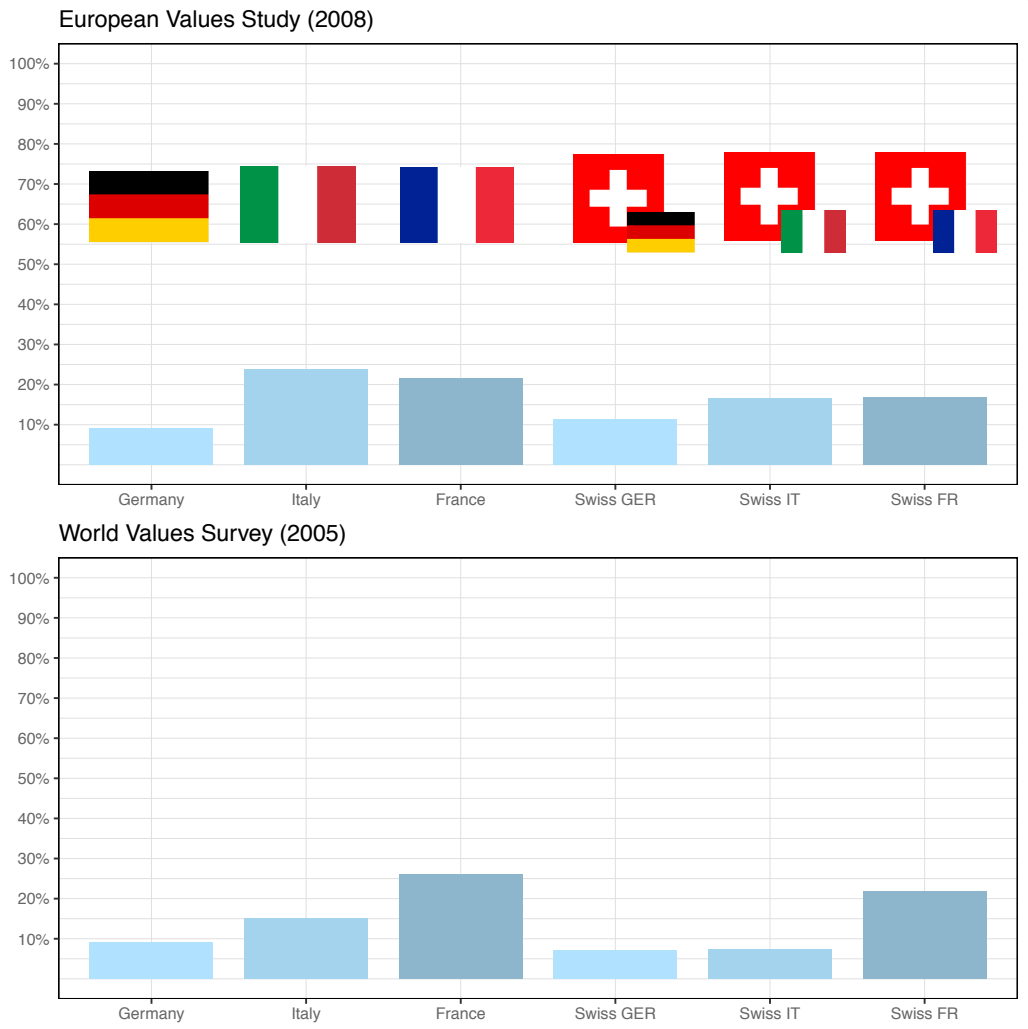
# Child Qualities and Family Duties in Swiss Language Regions and Neighboring Countries

- > European Values Study (Wave 4)
  - N (Germany) = 2'075
  - N (France) = 1'570
  - N (Italy) = 1'500
  - N (Switzerland) = 1'272 (968 German-speaking, 268 French-speaking, 36 Italian-speaking)
  
- > World Values Survey (Wave 5)
  - N (Germany) = 2'064
  - N (France) = 1'001
  - N (Italy) = 1'012
  - N (Switzerland) = 1'241 (633 German-speaking, 408 French-speaking, 200 Italian-speaking)



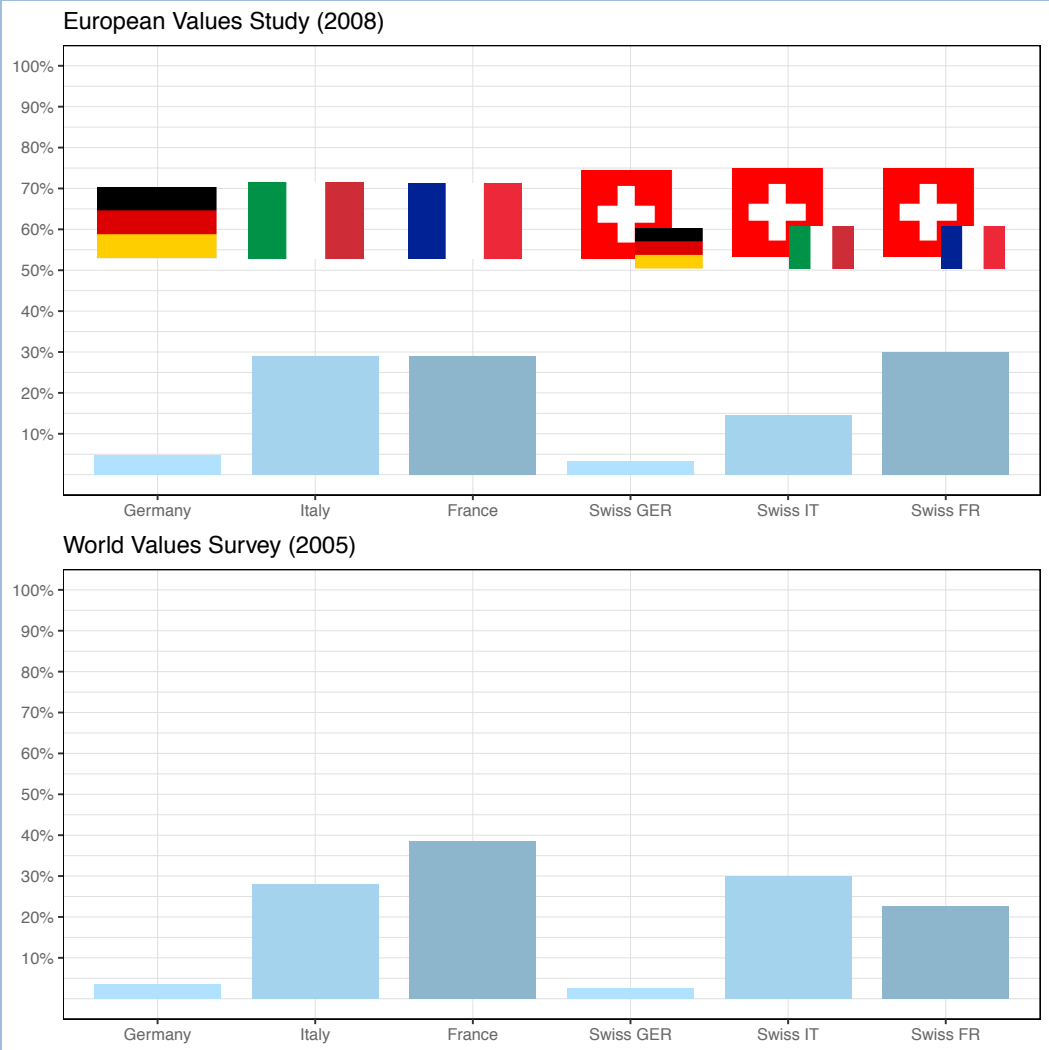
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# Child quality: Obedience



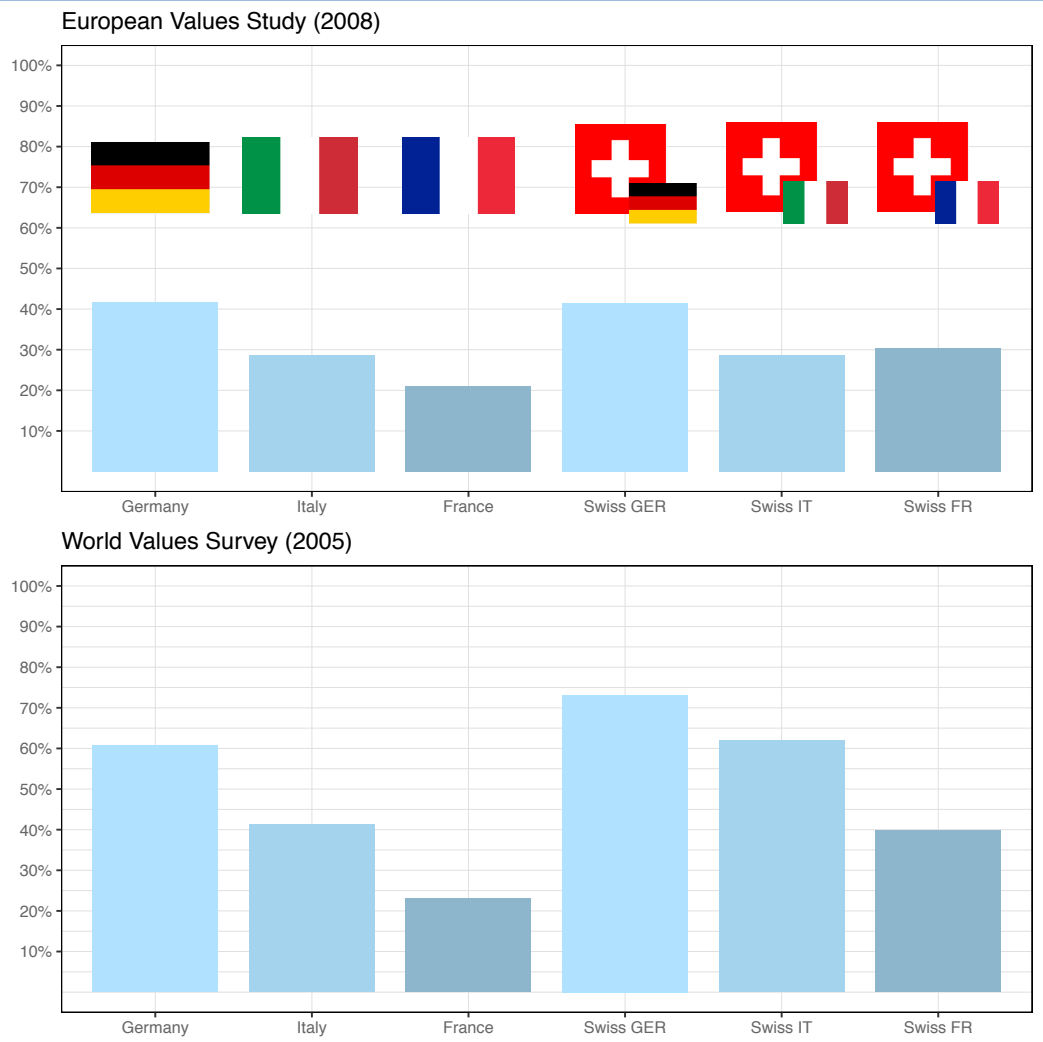
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# Child quality: Unselfishness



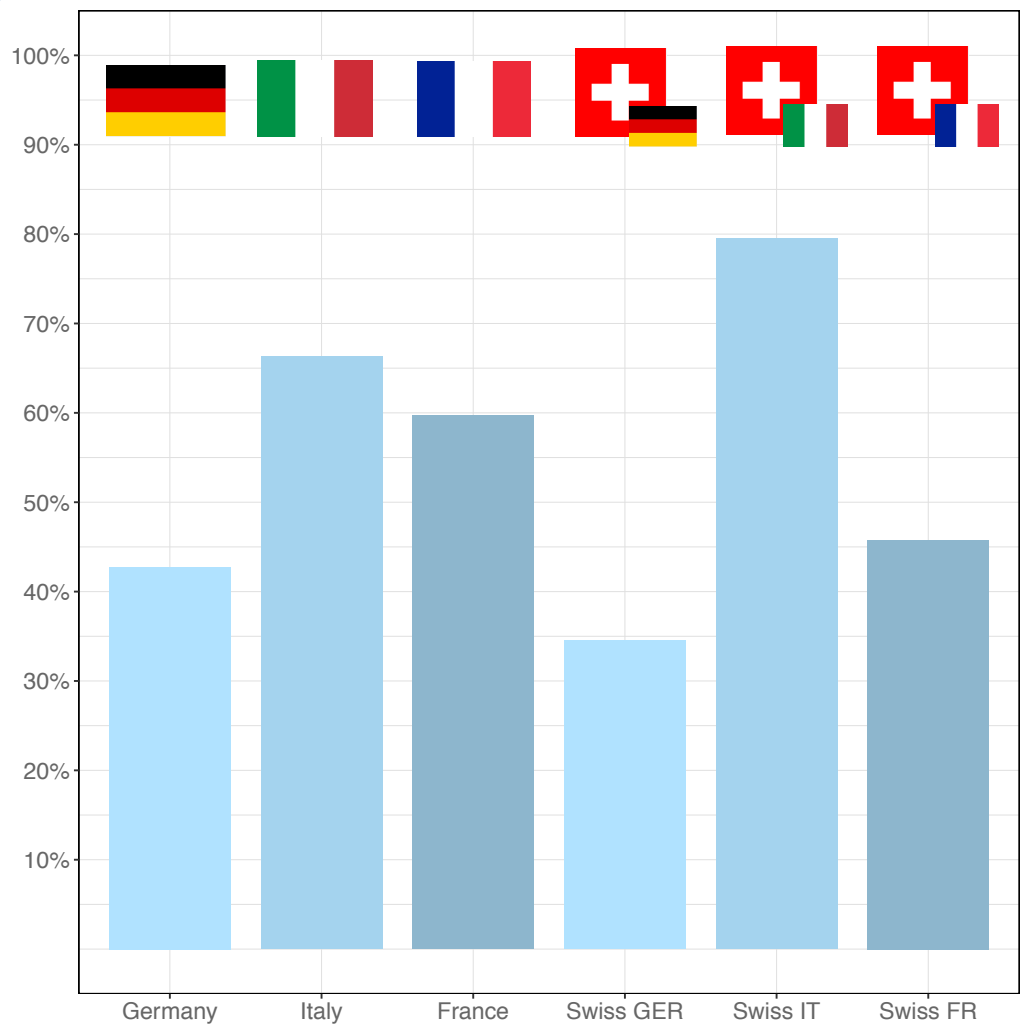
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# Child quality: Independence



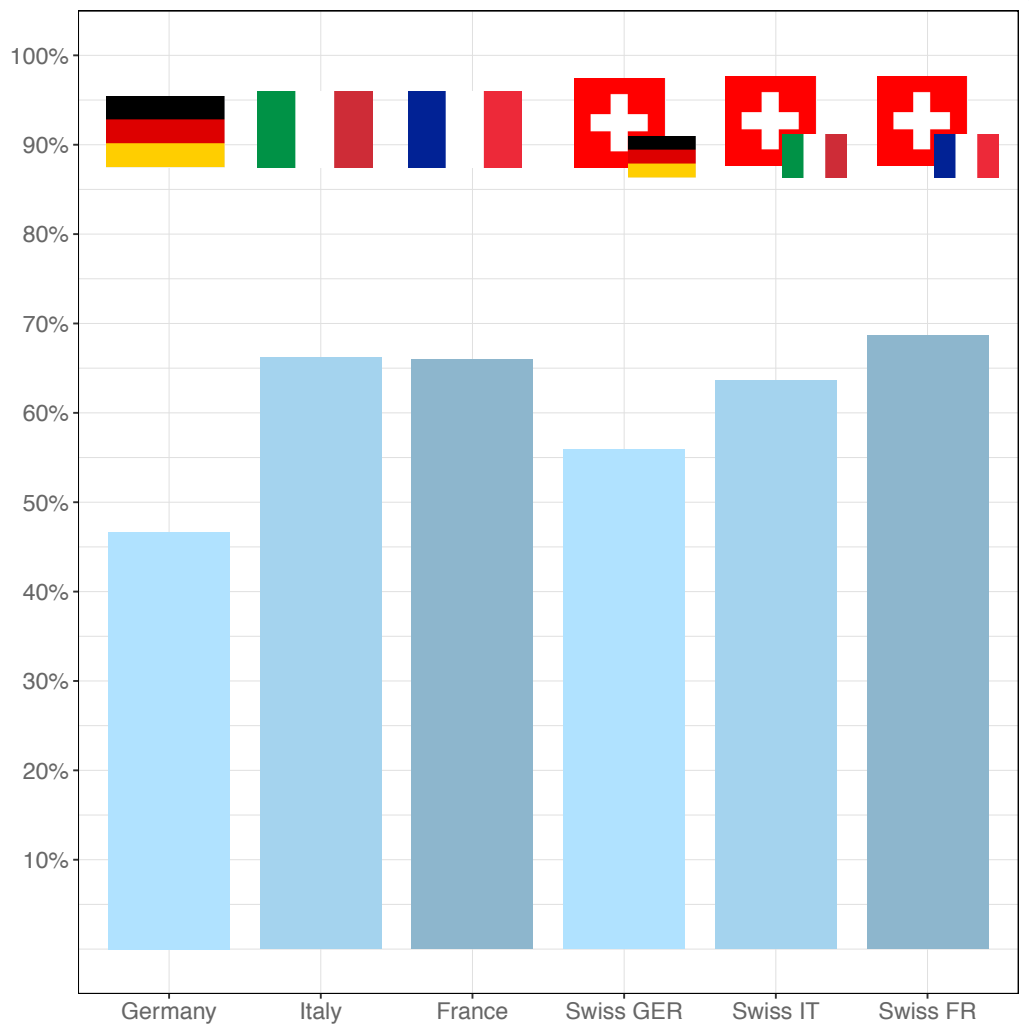
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“Regardless of what the qualities and faults of one’s parents are, one must always love and respect them.”



Egli, Mayer, & Mast, 2017

“Parents’ duty is to do their best for their children even at the expense of their own well-being.”



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